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FOR REFUGEE CORDINATOR TOM BARNES FROM CONSUL FINNEY

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1. IN ADDITION TO INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED IN OUR TELCON,
MS DERIAN ALSO MET IN NONG KAH REFUGEE CAMP WITH DR DOMENICA
GARCI, IRC REPRESENTATIVE, MR THOMAS ROLAND, INS OFFICER,
AND HMONG REFUGEE OFFICER MR JERRY DANIELS.
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2. DURING RECEPTION IN UDORN AT MY RESIDENCE, MS DERIAN
FURTHER DISCUSSED REFUGEE MATTERS AT SOME LENGTH WITH
MR GREGOIRE BRANCOVAN, UNHCR NORTHEAST REPRESENTATIVE.
SHE ALSO HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH UDORN VICE GOVERNOR THONGDAM
BANCHUEN AND CATHOLIC BISHOP GEORGE PHIMPISAN, HEAD
OF UDORNTHANI DIOCESE WHICH INCLUDES BOTH LOEI AND NONG KHAI

REFUGEE CAMPS. WHE CHATTED BRIEFLY WITH UDORN GOVERNOR PISAN MULASATSATHORN AND WAS INTRODUCED TO COLONEL ETE, HEAD OF FRENCH EMBASSY REFUGEE PROGRAM. MS DERIAN WAS ALSO INTRODUCED TO AMCITS MR AND MRS DAVID ADRIANOFF, WHO REPRESENT US VOLAG CAMA IN NONG KHAI AND LOEI REFUGEE CAMPS.

3. FOLLOWING NONG KHAI GOVERNOR CHAMMAN'S BRIEFING OF MS DERIAN IN REFUGEE CAMP, LAO REFUGEE REESIDENT, XE-FAR LT GEN SANG KITIRAT, EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT THE US WOULD ACCEPT AN INCREASED NUMBER OF LAO REFUGEES. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE NUMBER OF LAO REFUGEE THIRD COUNTRY DEPARTURES FROM NONG KHAI PER MONTH HAS BEEN AVERAGING FOUR TO FIVE TIMES LESS THAN NEW INCOMING REFUGEES FROM LAOS.

4. LT GEN SANG ALSO MADE PLEAS THAT US REFUGEE PROGRAM REDUCE ITS EMPHASIS IN SELECTION CRITERIA ON FAMILY REUNIFICATION TO PERMIT DESERVING REFUGEES WITHOUT RELATIVES IN THE US TO BE ACCEPTED INTO THE US PROGRAM IN GREATER NUMBERS. FINALLY, HE ASKED MS DERIAN TO EXERT USG INFLUENCE TO OPEN UP INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIRD COUNTRY RESETTLEMENT FOR LAO REFUGEES.

5. AFTER THIS BRIEFING, MS DERIAN MADE A TOUR OF LAO AND HMONG SECTIONS OF CAMP VISITING WOODCARVING SHOP,
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SCHOOLROOM, JEWELRY SHOP, SEVERAL REFUGEE DWELLINGS, CAMP MARKET, HMONG HANDICRAFT CENTER AND MEETING HALL WHERE INS PROCESSING OF HMONG REFUGEE APPLICANTS WAS UNDERWAY.
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